

Recycling Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5pm via zoom

All Members Present:

Gary Senecal

Lee Bartell

Molly Chapman

Amy Hackworth

Silvio Genao, DPW

Rick Leary, Applicant

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1. February 16, 2021, minutes approved.
2. Gary introduced Kari Parcell, MA DEP and Barnstable County recycling wunderkind, as guest speaker. Among many topics covered were composting, ingredients of plastic recycling, and EPR (extended producer responsibility). She is a realist, very knowledgeable and helpful. She works with towns' DPW to bring money, programs and education. She mentioned the Watts Family Farm in Sandwich and their composting program.
3. Kari will have a zoom event on April 21, focusing on composting.
4. Silvio discussed the town's leaf composting, Japanese knotweed, and working with the Conservation Commission. He would like to introduce the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund which would be self-sustaining, as the town is currently losing money at the transfer station. Our contract with Rochester which runs 3-4 years will run out, and tipping fees will rise appreciably.
5. Gary wants a narrative on sustainability - recycling bin is last resort - taking responsibility and owning it.
6. Alicia will have first recycling newsletter ready soonest, focusing on composting. Silvio mentioned a timeline for town composting - about two years. He also briefly discussed the Green Community Act and may be able to help financially with mailers.
7. Lee is putting together a new message board at the transfer station.
8. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 5pm via zoom.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Hackworth, Clerk
